

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An apparatus comprising:
a cellular map of cellular communication cells in a geographic area;
a road map of vehicular roads in substantially the same geographic area; and
a traffic flow analyzer coupled to the cellular map and the road map to determine vehicular traffic in at least one part of the geographic area.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one part of the geographic area comprises at least one cell of the cellular communication cells.
- A2 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one part of the geographic area is expressed in geographic terms including a reference to at least one of the vehicular roads.
4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
means ~~for determining~~ to determine a delta over time in occupancy data for at least one cell of the cellular communication cells.
5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
a communication link to ~~for~~ transmitting information concerning the vehicular traffic.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the communication link comprises:
a link to cellular devices which are coupled to the cellular communication cells.
7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the communication link comprises:
means ~~for transmitting~~ to transmit the information onto the internet.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
a processor coupled to the traffic flow analyzer.
9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
a map overlay mechanism to correlate ~~for correlating~~ the cellular map and the road map.
10. (Currently Amended) A cellular communication device ~~for communicating to~~ communicate with a cellular system, the cellular communication device comprising:
a receiver to receive communications from the cellular system;
a transmitter to transmit communications to the cellular system;
map storage to store a map; and
an analyzer coupled to the receiver to receive cell occupancy data corresponding to at least one cellular communication cell from the cellular system and to the storage to access the map to determine traffic in the at least one cellular communication cell of the cellular system according to the cell occupancy data and the map.
11. (Currently Amended) The cellular communication device of claim 10 further comprising:
means ~~for requesting~~ to request the cell occupancy data; and
storage to store the cell occupancy data.
12. (Currently Amended) The cellular communication device of claim 10 wherein:
the cellular communication device further comprises data storage to store the cell occupancy data;
the cell occupancy data includes first occupancy data and second occupancy data for the at least one cellular communication cell; and
the analyzer to determine[[s]] traffic according to a delta between the first occupancy data and the second occupancy data.
13. (Currently Amended) The cellular communication device of claim 12 further comprising:

an overlay mechanism ~~for~~ to geographically correlate ~~correlating~~ a cell map of cellular communication cells and a road map in the map storage.

14. (Currently Amended) The cellular communication device of claim 13 wherein the traffic includes vehicular traffic and the cellular communication device further comprising:
a display to output ~~for outputting~~ information depicting the vehicular traffic.

15. (Original) The cellular communication device of claim 12 further comprising:
a zoom control.

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means ~~for updating~~ to update the map storage to store a new map received via the receiver.

Claims 17 – 20 (Canceled)

21. (Original) A method comprising:
determining a delta in occupancy data of at least one cell of a cellular communication system; and
determining, according to the delta in occupancy data, spatial movement of cellular devices in communication with the cellular communication system.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the spatial movement comprises substantially planar movement of vehicular traffic.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the spatial movement comprises three-dimensional movement of aeronautical traffic.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
determining the delta according to a proper subset of available occupancy data for a cell.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising:
randomly selecting the proper subset.
26. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising:
algorithmically selecting the proper subset.
27. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
publishing information representing the spatial movement.
28. (Original) The method of claim 27 wherein the publishing comprises:
transmitting the information to cellular devices in communication with the
cellular communication system.
29. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein the information comprises:
a graphical depiction of traffic on roads in the cell occupied by, and neighboring
cells of, at least one cellular device.
30. (Original) The method of claim 28 wherein the information comprises:
travel routing advice.
31. (Original) The method of claim 27 further comprising:
selecting, to receive the transmitted information, substantially only those cellular
devices which are subscribed to receive the transmitted information.
32. (Original) The method of claim 27 wherein the publishing comprises:
sending the information to an entity which is not a cellular device in
communication with the cellular communication system.
33. (Original) The method of claim 32 wherein the entity comprises at least one
of a police department, a department of transportation, a news bureau, a radio station, a
television station, a server computer, and an internet website.

34. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
constructing a set of vectors representing vehicular traffic between cells of the cellular communication system.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34 further comprising:
constructing a linear boundary map describing where vehicular roads connect cells.

36. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:
in response to at least one of the delta and the spatial movement, adjusting functionality of the cellular communication system.

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increasing capacity of a cell.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37 further comprising:
in response to at least one of the delta and the spatial movement, predicting a future change in occupancy of a cell; and
the cell whose capacity is increased is the cell whose occupancy is predicted to have a future change.

39. (Currently Amended) A method of operation of a traffic estimation system connected to a cellular communication system which is in communication with a plurality of cellular devices, the method comprising:

receiving cell occupancy data corresponding to plural cells of the cellular communication system from the cellular communication system;

determining which of the cellular devices represented by the cell occupancy data are moving between cells of the cellular communication system;

determining which cells the moving cellular devices are moving between; and
converting the moved-between cell determination into a vehicular roadway representation indicating which roads the moving vehicles are likely to be driving on.

40. (Original) The method of claim 39 further comprising:
ignoring cellular devices which are not traveling between cells for a sufficient time such that it is likely that they are stationary or only driving short distances within their respective cells.

41. (Original) The method of claim 39 further comprising:
analyzing only a proper subset of available cell occupancy data; and
extrapolating from the resulting analysis to achieve an estimated result for a larger set of occupancy data.

42. (Original) The method of claim 41 further comprising:
randomly selecting the proper subset.

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43. (Original) The method of claim 41 further comprising:
algorithmically selecting the proper subset.

44. (Original) The method of claim 39 further comprising:
publishing information representing the vehicular roadway representation.

45. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein the publishing comprises:
transmitting the information to the cellular communication system.

46. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein the publishing comprises:
transmitting the information to at least one of the cellular devices.

47. (Original) The method of claim 46 further comprising:
selecting to receive the transmitted information substantially only those cellular devices which are subscribed to receive the transmitted information.

48. (Original) The method of claim 39 further comprising:
performing system validation analysis upon anonymized individual cellular devices.

49. (Original) A method comprising:
receiving a request for an area traffic analysis in a specified area;
categorizing cellular devices in the specified area;
filtering out cellular devices not recently in other areas;
capturing cellular devices recently arrived from other areas;
eliminating cellular devices departing to other areas;
reconciling a result with results from nearby areas to produce a result;
providing the result to an entity from which the request was received.

50. (Original) The method of claim 49 further comprising:
producing a cell-based vector set; and
converting the vector set into road map format data.

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51. (Original) The method of claim 50 further comprising:
making a qualitative interpretation of the road map format data as a traffic flow
estimation.

Claim 52 – 57 (Canceled)

58. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the traffic flow analyzer is coupled to
determine the vehicular traffic based on occupancy data corresponding to cellular devices present
in the cellular communication cells.

59. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the traffic flow analyzer is coupled to
categorize the occupancy data based on movement between the cellular communication cells.

60. (New) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein the traffic flow analyzer is coupled to
aggregate the occupancy data to determine the vehicular traffic.

61. (New) The cellular communication device of claim 10, wherein the analyzer is
coupled to determine the traffic based on movement between cells of the cellular system.

62. (New) The cellular communication device of claim 10, wherein the analyzer is
coupled to aggregate the cell occupancy data to determine the traffic.